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► Rainmen point guard Chris Hagen drives to the hoop for a layup during Halifax's 104-100 victory over the Quebec Keba at the Metro Centre on Thursday night. The Rainmen moved to within a game of the Keba in the battle for home-court advantage in the first round of the of the NBL Canada playoffs. Story, page 38.

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Inching closer to home-court advantage

New transit offer up for union vote

► Workers have been on strike since Feb. 2

Three weeks after walking off the job, unionized transit workers will vote on a new contract.

Ken Wilson, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508, said Thursday he'll be taking Metro Transit's latest final offer to his members for a vote.

"There are enough significant changes (in the offer) to warrant bringing it back to the membership," said Wilson.

He added the vote will be held Friday. If the union approves the offer, bus and ferry service could resume as early as Sunday.

Halifax regional council approved the new offer at a closed-door session at city hall Thursday afternoon. The details of the offer will not be made public until the union holds its vote.

The municipality had asked Wilson to take two previous offers back for a vote. He refused, arguing his membership gave him a mandate to negotiate on their behalf when they voted 98.4 per cent in favour



► Striking workers in Dartmouth.

of strike action on Jan. 21.

The union held a late-night strategy session on Wednesday after Metro Transit advised that a new offer would be coming, but Wilson said it was unrelated.

It has been 22 days since talks broke down between the municipality and the union, sending over 700 transit operators to the picket line. The union has suggested binding arbitration as an option, while the municipality wanted to go back to the negotiating table.

Mayor Peter Kelly said Thursday the latest offer is non-negotiable.

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Hurlburt to plead guilty in expense scandal

► Former MLA did not attend court on Thursday ► His lawyer said Hurlburt will 'face the people of Yarmouth' and own up to fraud

A former Nova Scotia cabinet minister will plead guilty to fraud and breach of trust in the legislative spending scandal, his lawyer said Thursday.

Richard Hurlburt will enter his guilty pleas in Yarmouth in April, lawyer Stan MacDonald said.

"He will face the court and tell the court he is responsible, and he'll face the people of Yarmouth and he'll tell them as well that he's responsible," MacDonald said outside the Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax.

In exchange, three charges of uttering forged documents will be dropped, he said.

Outside court, Crown lawyer Andrew Macdonald said Hurlburt's actions relate to the submission of claims for expenses he didn't incur, though he didn't elaborate.

Hurlburt, 61, was charged by the RCMP after auditor general Jacques Lapointe investigated constituency-fund spending by politicians from July 2006 to June 2009. The former Tory minister abruptly quit politics in February 2010 after Lapointe found he spent \$7,995 in public money on a generator installed in his home.

He initially defended the purchase as a valid expense, saying it could be used in emergencies by a



► Stan MacDonald

nearby seniors' home and for ground search-and-rescue teams. He later apologized and said he had reimbursed taxpayers.

The Speaker's Office also released a list of expenses that same month that showed Hurlburt also charged taxpayers \$2,499 for a 40-inch television and \$579 for its installation.

He is one of four politicians charged in the spending scandal, three of whom have resigned.

Last September, former Liberal Dave Wilson pleaded guilty to uttering forged documents and one count each of fraud and breach of trust. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for March 30.

Last month, former Liberal Russell MacKinnon was committed to stand trial on charges of fraud, breach of trust and uttering forged documents. He is to return to court March 15.

Trevor Zinck, a former NDP member who now sits as an Independent, has



► Former Progressive Conservative MLA Richard Hurlburt speaks to reporters in 2010.

been charged with fraud over \$5,000, breach of trust and two counts of theft over \$5,000. A preliminary hearing for his case is set to begin June 11.

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Court date

► Richard Hurlburt is slated to enter his guilty pleas on April 12.

Woman in hospital after bicycle collision

A cyclist faces charges after a woman was struck by a man speeding through a red light in Halifax.

Police say the collision happened at about 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the intersection of Windsor and Connaught streets.

Witnesses told police the cyclist was travelling north on Windsor and struck a woman crossing the road. The woman, 56, was thrown into the air and struck her head as she hit the pavement. She was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries, and the man remained on the scene where he was arrested by police.

The 49-year-old is charged with violation of a court order as well as other offences under the Motor Vehicle Act.

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Teen girl accused of trafficking

A Bedford high school teen has been arrested after police found a quantity of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Halifax police say staff at Charles P. Allen High School reported that a young girl was in possession of drugs just after 10 a.m. on Tuesday. A 15-year-old girl faces charges of drug possession for the purpose of trafficking and will appear in youth court at a later date.

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Hospital network gets \$12M for flu research

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An international pharmaceutical company is providing \$12 million for what it calls a "unique" network of hospitals across Canada conducting research on the influenza vaccine.

Dr. Rav Kumar, vice-president of research and development at the London-based GlaxoSmith-Kline, made the funding announcement in Halifax on Thursday.

He said the Public Health Agency of Canada/Canadian Institutes of Health Research Influenza Research Network, headed by the Halifax-based Dr. Shelly McNeil, is something that is unique to the country.

"This is a capability ... that is not present anywhere else in the world," said Kumar at Dalhousie's Life Science Research Institute.

McNeil, an infectious-disease specialist at Capital Health, is leading the study that measures the vaccine's effectiveness. About 40 hospitals from coast to coast are currently contributing to the research.

But the additional funding over the next three years will allow more re-



► A patient receives a flu shot.

2009

The research network was established in 2009.

search sites to be set up in additional provinces like Saskatchewan and Newfoundland, said McNeil.

"If we want to truly un-

derstand how the vaccine is working, we need to be able to ... have enough cases so that we have a big enough sample size to be able to ask the scientific questions around how well the vaccine is working," said McNeil, who is also an associate professor at Dalhousie University, "but also enough geographic variability so that we catch

what's happening."

McNeil said every site examines hospital patients and compares those who have and do not have influenza with whether or not they have been vaccinated.

She said the \$12 million is a "considerable investment in this infrastructure that we've been building over the last few years."

Province examines \$1B in spending

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Nova Scotia's provincial government is calling in consultants to analyze about \$1 billion in spending on things like office supplies, vehicles and gas.

Deputy premier Frank Corbett, the minister responsible for the Treasury Board, announced yesterday the government is looking for someone to analyze overall spending and procurement.

"Nova Scotians expect government to make smart purchases and this analysis will help find potential savings," Corbett said in a press release.

The analysis, which covers items as small as pencils and as large as new vehicles, is part of a larger provincial expenditure-management review. Departmental spending



► Deputy premier Frank Corbett

and purchases from Nova Scotia Community College, the province's school boards and the Housing Development Corp. will also be examined.

But the exercise will not be complete when Finance Minister Graham Steele delivers the 2012-2013 budget — which is expected to be a \$365.2-million deficit — in April.

Departmental spending was frozen in last year's budget, but university funding ratcheted up overall spending by \$323 million. That's due to an accounting method employed in 2009-2010 to fund universities for two years in one — a practice that ended in 2011-2012.

\$6.1M raised by United Way in 2011

A local organization that supports more than 50 community agencies and programs announced the group raised about \$6.1 million last year.

United Way Halifax said the money was raised by

employees, volunteers and more than 25,000 donors who give annually through payroll deductions.

United Way made the announcement at the Cunard Centre in Halifax on Thursday morning before about 800 people including Nova Scotia Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis.

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Officer injured after fall from horse

► Halifax Police first established a mounted unit in 1869 ► Abolished soon after, it was restarted in 1905



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A Halifax police officer was hurt after she fell off a patrol horse on Thursday afternoon.

Police say just after 12:30 p.m. two officers were patrolling Citadel Hill on horseback when one of the horses, Cruiser (Cruise), slipped. The slip caused the female officer to fall from the horse.

Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said the officer sustained a non-life-threatening injury to her leg and was taken to the hospital.

"The horse was running free for about four minutes, and several officers responded and helped contain the horse to get it back," said

Palmeter. "It wasn't a long period of time."

Police are not releasing the name of the officer due to privacy issues.

Meanwhile there was another incident as fellow officers arrived to assist.

A patrol car headed to the scene and was at the Rainnie Drive and Ahern Avenue intersection when it was involved in a collision.

"Just before they got through the intersection, they were struck in the passenger rear quarter-panel by a vehicle traveling north on Ahern (Avenue)," Palmeter said.

The officer driving the patrol car and a woman in the other vehicle were checked by paramedics and the accident is under investigation.



► Halifax Regional Police Const. Dianne Woodworth stands next to her police horse, Cruiser, in this file photo from 2010. The officer who was injured in Thursday's incident involving Cruiser has not been named.

Minister dodges salmon-farm-virus questions

Nova Scotia's environment minister refused to get into specifics Thursday about what he knows about a suspected outbreak of a virus at a fish farm.

Sterling Belliveau said any questions regarding a potential problem at one of Cooke Aquaculture's nine sites in the province should be referred to the Canadian Food Inspection

Agency, which is leading an investigation into the matter.

"There is a certain process to follow," Belliveau told reporters following the weekly cabinet meeting.

"This is a suspected case and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency leads on this."

Belliveau said he knew

90%

The agency says the virus is not a human health or food risk, but can kill up to 90 per cent of infected fish, depending on the strain. It can be transmitted between fish or can travel through the water column.

about the suspected outbreak of infectious salmon anemia several days before it was made public last Friday.

He said he was told sometime earlier this month, but he didn't know the exact date.

Cooke Aquaculture said last Friday it had destroyed two cages of fish at one of its operations after routine

testing found suspected infectious salmon anemia on Feb. 10.

The province's director of aquaculture, Marshall Giles, said the department received fish samples on Feb. 2 and informed the Canadian Food Inspection Agency of its suspicions following lab tests on Feb. 9.

The department had

said previously that it reported it to the federal agency after Cooke Aquaculture started finding dead fish.

Meanwhile, Belliveau couldn't say what would happen to fish farming in the affected area if the results of tests being done by the agency determine the virus is present.

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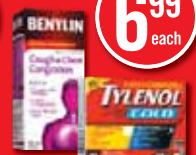
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News in brief

Search for scuba diver continues

BAY OF FUNDY. Search crews are continuing to look for a scuba diver who was swept away by the strong currents of the Bay of Fundy.

The Mounties in Nova Scotia received a report about a missing diver who was diving for sea urchin on Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. off Digby.

Police say the 48-year-old Ottawa man was diving with two colleagues in the Grand Passage area near Westport at the time he went missing. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

New domestic violence court gets co-ordinator

SYDNEY. The Nova Scotia government has appointed a co-ordinator to lead the province's first domestic violence court. Valerie Jewkes will oversee the court when it begins hearing cases this spring.

The province has spent \$1 million developing the court, which will be launched as a pilot program in Sydney. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Halifax happy to be a military town

► But opinion is quite varied on Canada's combat and peacekeeping roles ► And the Afghanistan mission draws differing responses from men and women

BY THE NUMBERS

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You could say we are a military town and 79 per cent of those in our recent poll would

agree. And a whopping 87 per cent say they're happy to have all those military folks around. The remainder felt that we have long since outgrown that designation. Regardless, the military creates a huge economic impact in the Halifax region and beyond — just ask the folks at the shipyard.

We also have some strong opinions about what our military should be up to these days.

Most of those surveyed, 62 per cent, feel that Canada should continue to participate in peacekeeping missions that are sanc-

tioned by the United Nations. Another 12 per cent feel we should participate in missions not sanctioned by the UN. Support for Canada's involvement in combat missions, even those sanctioned by the UN, drops to 30 per cent. Support remains around the 30 per cent level even if there is a strong indication that human rights are seriously at risk.

But if Canadian interests are at risk, 40 per cent of those surveyed recently indicated strong support for our military involvement.

When it comes to our recent involvement in Afghanistan, 58 per cent say that we made the right decision in relinquishing our combat role. But only 22 per cent feel that we accomplished our mission there.

Views about our involvement in Afghanistan vary greatly between men and women. Slightly more than 40 per cent of women say it was a mistake to go there as compared to 30 per cent of men.

Polling

► A total of 428 HRM residents were surveyed, with the poll carrying a margin of error of plus or minus 4.7 per cent.

And if we don't participate in combat missions, what do HRM residents feel should be Canada's role in international affairs? The majority, 89 per cent, think we could be offering more aid and 82 per cent think we could do a better job of promoting human rights. Another 73 per cent feel that more open trade could improve things for developing countries.

The overall view, held by 84 per cent of our respondents, remains that Canada is still a country of peacekeepers and enforcers.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel with the polling firm MQO Research. He has conducted public-opinion research in the region for more than 25 years.



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Assault charge vs. cop dropped

The Crown has withdrawn an assault charge against a Halifax police officer.

In December, Halifax Regional Police issued a statement saying the RCMP had responded to a call from Enfield involv-

ing an off-duty officer and a woman known to him.

As a result of an investigation, the RCMP laid an assault charge against Const. Ashley Lewis.

At the time, the 28-year-old was assigned to administrative duties pending the outcome of the case.

Halifax police said Thursday the charge was withdrawn last month by the Crown in Shubenacadie provincial court. Lewis has since returned to active duty.

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President of arts school steps down

The president of a century-old Halifax arts school is stepping down.

David Smith announced Thursday he would not wear the hat of president of NSCAD University after the end of this academic year.

In a statement, Smith pointed out the school's recent financial hardships.

"Together we have faced many challenges over the years and this recent period has seen perhaps the greatest challenge to our institution," the statement said. "I feel both privileged and honoured to have served my alma mater to the best of my abilities over the last six years." ● ALY THOMSON

Ballets twirl into Halifax

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Halifax will play host to a couple of artistic cultural events next month.

The city will welcome two ballets in late March that feature some world-class singers and dancers.

The award-winning Ballet Jörgen Canada will be in town on March 30 and again on April 2 at the Spatz Theatre for a full and condensed version of their ballet Anastasia.

Anastasia tells the tragic story of the youngest daughter of Russia's last Tsar as she grows from playful tomboy to poised woman against the backdrop of the the country's Bolshevik Revolution.

"Without revealing anything, it's a ballet that works for families, so it

Tickets

Tickets for the Viennese Opera Ball start at \$200. All proceeds go to Halifax Dance.

doesn't completely have a sad ending," said Bengt Jörgen, artistic director and CEO of the ballet company.

Jörgen encourages people who have never seen ballet to attend, saying this work is "very easy to follow" because it tells a story.

Also on the event list is Halifax's first Viennese Opera Ball at the World Trade and Convention Centre on March 31.

The fundraising gala will feature dancers from the National Ballet of Canada — escorted by ballet icon Rex Harrington, Canadian opera singer Allison Angelo and Symphony Nova Scotia.



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Harper denies campaign 'dirty tricks'

- Opposition likens tactics to Nixon and Watergate
- Liberals say phone calls may have cost them seats

Prime Minister Stephen Harper insists the Conservative party had nothing to do with a campaign of "dirty tricks" aimed at discouraging opposition supporters from voting in last spring's election.

But New Democrats and Liberals say that given his party's history of illegal or questionable campaign tactics, they aren't buying it.

They say the latest revelations are more proof that the Conservatives have systematically cheated and subverted the democratic process in order to win elections.

They're equating the matter to the notorious Watergate scandal that toppled U.S. President Richard Nixon and they're demanding a full criminal investigation.

New Democrat MP Pat

Robocalls

- The robocalls falsely advised voters that Elections Canada had changed the location of their polling stations.
- In other instances, voters received harassing late-night or early-morning calls that purported to be from an opposition campaign office.

Martin predicted the magnitude of the scam "will be enough to make Richard Nixon blush."

The opposition charges came Thursday after a company that did campaign work for Conservatives, including Harper, was linked to harassing or misleading automated phone calls received by

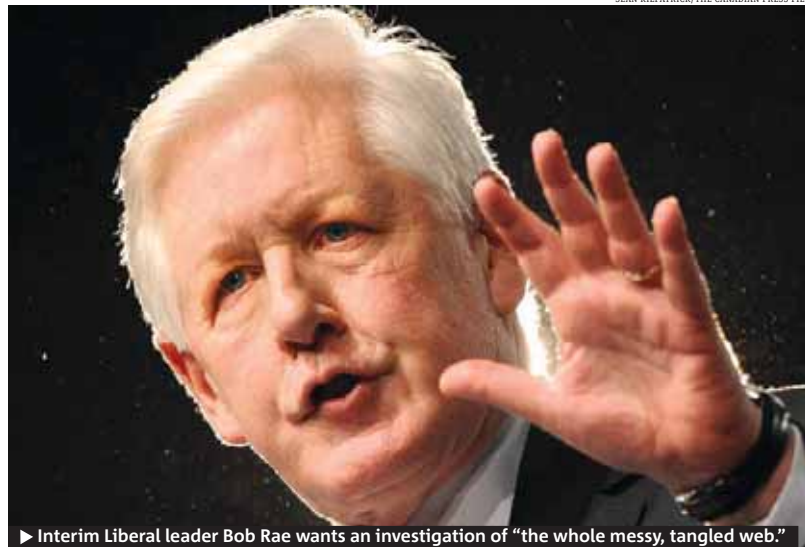
voters in some 18 hotly contested ridings just prior to the May 2 election.

The RCMP refused to confirm or deny it is part of an investigation, but said it may work with government departments or agencies if it is asked.

For his part, Harper denied any knowledge of the scams.

"I have absolutely no knowledge on anything about these calls but, obviously, if there's anyone who has done anything wrong, we expect that they will face the full consequences of the law," he told reporters during a visit to Iqaluit.

Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae said "the whole messy, tangled web" needs to be investigated. And he laid the blame for all of it squarely on Harper.



► Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae wants an investigation of "the whole messy, tangled web."

"What this suggests is a deeply troubling pattern of dirty tricks and systematic attempts to subvert the democratic process," Rae said in an email.

"A party whose entire

approach to politics is negative ... is responsible for a toxic and poisonous political culture. It's in this culture that dirty tricks thrive. Richard Nixon gave birth to Donald Segretti.

Mr. Harper gives birth to these tricks as well. The fish rots from the head."

Segretti was a dirty-tricks specialist in the infamous 1972 Nixon campaign. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Feds dole out \$27M for adult education in North

Prime Minister Stephen Harper flew to a frigid Iqaluit to deliver \$27 million for adult education in the North, an attempt to help high-school dropouts qualify for jobs.

The money will be spread over five years, and shared by three colleges, one in each of the territories.

"By improving access to adult basic education, we are giving Northerners the tools they need to seek higher education and secure employment in sectors that contribute to Canada's economic growth," Harper said in a statement.

Part of the funding was announced in last June's budget, which put \$9 million over two years to adult basic education. Thursday's announcement extends the funding

time frame and increases the annual allotment slightly.

Harper has frequently stressed that education levels among aboriginal peoples need to improve if they are ever to find prosperity. But he is under intense pressure from native leaders to ante up serious money.

That pressure may have persuaded Harper to spend a day at a short news conference and a photo op on the ice at -26 C.

"We try to obviously make our announcements in the areas where the announcements are most relevant," he said in explaining the northern jaunt.

Following the indoor formalities, Harper rode in a convoy of seven snowmobiles that drove



► Prime Minister Stephen Harper bundles up in a parka as he tours Frobisher Bay in Iqaluit on Thursday.

out about 500 metres over the rough and bumpy sea ice of Frobisher Bay to a small camp set up by members of the Canadian Rangers.

Back in the south, the Liberal aboriginal affairs critic called Harper's an-

nouncement paltry compared with the needs of the North.

"The prime minister's drive-by announcement today provided nowhere near the kind of resources for education, social housing, mental health, drug

treatment and food security desperately needed in the north in order to improve the health, education and well-being of northern Canadians," MP Carolyn Bennett said in a release.

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By the numbers

- Inuit Tapiriit Kapanami, a non-profit group, has estimated that only a quarter of Inuit students finish high school.
- The 2006 census suggests the level is about half that. Regardless, the graduation rate is drastically lower than that of the rest of the population.
- Nunavut Arctic College is receiving \$11 million of the funding. Yukon College is getting \$300,000 so far and can apply for more over the coming five years. And Aurora College is getting \$620,000 with the potential for more.
- The funding pays for educators, resources and assessment tools that are meant to help under-educated adults gain skills.

Alberta parents of mauled newborn baby speak out

An Alberta couple whose pet husky killed their two-day-old baby says all the

dogs in the home went through training and obedience classes.

Rob and Rhonda Fradette said in a news release Thursday that they also attended seminars by the Calgary Humane Society, before bringing the baby home. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Judges, ex-Tory MP among those decrying crime bill

A group including a victims' advocate, two retired judges and an ex-Conserva-

tive MP say Canadians will be more fearful and less safe five years from now

under criminal justice changes being made by the Harper government.

The bill is in the final stages of being approved.

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Argentina mourns crash victims

► 50 dead in train accident ► Government promises investigation

Argentina's deadliest train accident in decades was foreseeable and preventable, the nation's auditor general complained Thursday, saying years of failed safety tests and other problems had given the government more than enough reason to cancel the train operator's concession.

Others pointed to high-level corruption: years-old allegations still awaiting tri-

al that a former transportation secretary took free vacations and other gifts from executives of the Trains of Buenos Aires company in exchange for favourable treatment.

The TBA blamed government price controls, saying that keeping fares to less than 25 cents a ride made it impossible to finance improvements.

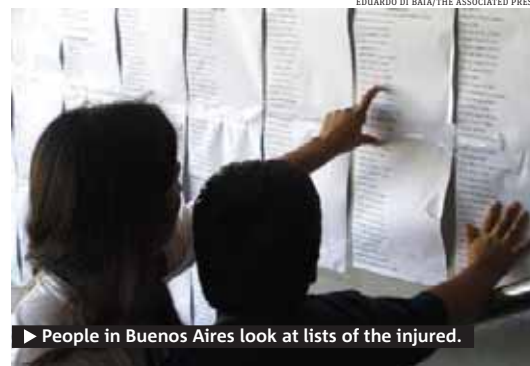
Rail-safety experts,

meanwhile, said modern trains are built to withstand the kind of hard stop that killed 50 passengers and injured more than 700 in a Buenos Aires train station Wednesday.

Newer cars resist the accordion-like crumpling that shoved hundreds into a jumbled mass of limbs, metal and blood in the first two cars when the commuter train hit a shock-ab-

sorbing barrier at less than 20 km/h. But these cars were more than four decades old, and were refurbished after being cast off by other urban systems.

President Cristina Fernandez declared two days of mourning and sent at least four cabinet ministers out to give news conferences describing the government's response to the tragedy. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► People in Buenos Aires look at lists of the injured.

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AFGHAN RIOTS

Obama apologizes for Qur'an burning

President Barack Obama apologized Thursday for the burning of copies of the Muslim holy book at a U.S. military base this week, as violent protests raging nationwide led a man dressed in an Afghan army uniform to

kill two U.S. troops.

The Afghans' furious response to the Qur'an burning — three days of riots in several cities — reflected the anger at what they perceive as foreign forces' disrespect for Afghan laws and culture.

In a letter sent to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Obama expressed his "regret and apologies over the incident in which religious materials were unintentionally mishandled," a White House spokesman said.

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7 marines killed in night-training exercise

- Crash follows several recent accidents involving marines in California
- Three killed in separate helicopter crashes at Camp Pendleton

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Seven U.S. marines were killed when two helicopters collided in the California desert during night-training exercises, the latest of several Marine Corps training accidents in the region.

"We're still gathering a lot of details as the sun comes up," said Lt. Maureen Dooley with the Miramar Air Base in California.

The crash happened around 8 p.m. Wednesday and involved an AH-1W Cobra that carried two crew members and a UH-1 Huey utility helicopter carrying five service members from the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

It will be at least 24 hours before the marine

► This undated image provided by the U.S. Marine Corps shows a UH-1 Huey helicopter. One of the two helicopters involved in Wednesday's crash was similar to this one.



corps releases the names of those killed.

The aircraft collided in a remote portion of the Yuma Training Range Complex.

The U.S. military and its

allies train in the hot, desert area ringed by mountains because the conditions are similar to Iraq.

The AH-1W is considered the marine corps' main at-

tack helicopter. The UH-1Y is replacing the aging version of the Huey utility helicopter first used during the Vietnam War.

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► Attorney David Steingold, left, talks to Shawn Weimer, who was sentenced to two years' probation in a court in Detroit Thursday.

DRUNK DAD GETS TWO YEARS' PROBATION

A U.S. man who allowed his nine-year-old daughter to drive him around because he had been drinking was sentenced Thursday to two years of probation.

Shawn Weimer pleaded guilty in December to second-degree child abuse and allowing an unlicensed minor to operate a motor vehicle. He pleaded guilty on the condition he'd receive

no jail time.

Weimer was arrested Oct. 8 when police pulled over his van and found his daughter behind the wheel.

Weimer said he made a mistake in asking his daughter to drive, but that he had been thinking about how he used to drive at his family's farm and junkyard when he was her age.

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Stepmom accused of running girl to death

- Girl allegedly forced to run for 3 hours after lying about eating candy bar
- Local district attorney may pursue capital murder charges in case

An Alabama woman is under guard at a hospital after she gave birth following her arrest in the death of her nine-year-old stepdaughter, who authorities say was forced to run for three hours as punishment for lying about eating a candy bar.

Jessica Mae Hardin, 27, was transferred from the Etowah County Detention Center to a hospital on Wednesday, sheriff's office spokeswoman Natalie Barton said.

Hardin and her mother-in-law, 46-year-old Joyce Hardin Garrard, were arrested and charged with murder on Wednesday in the death of Savannah Hardin.

Savannah had a bladder condition that meant she shouldn't have chocolate content, said Etowah County District Attorney Jimmie Harp. He said there



► Accused: Joyce Hardin Garrard, left, and Jessica Mae Hardin

is no evidence that the condition contributed to her death.

Authorities say Savannah was forced to run in the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 17. At around 6:45 p.m. Jessica called 911, telling dispatchers Savannah was having a seizure

and was unresponsive.

Her death was ruled a homicide by a state pathologist and preliminary reports show she was extremely dehydrated and had a very low sodium level — a chemical necessary to prevent seizures and dehydration. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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► Speaker of the House Andrew Scheer addresses the House of Commons last June. Scheer narrowly missed witnessing a dust-up between two British MPs when he led a delegation to London this week.



Brit MP suspended following bar brawl

► Pub where the incident took place is one of several watering holes inside the renowned Parliament buildings

While visiting the Mother of all Parliaments in London, Canadian House of Commons Speaker Andrew Scheer just missed the mother of all punch-ups between two British MPs.

Scheer, who led a delegation this week to the British House of Commons, had left the Stranger Bar within the British Parliament before the dust started to fly between Labour MP Eric Joyce and Conservative MP Stuart Andrew.

"He left earlier and read about it in the paper like

everyone else," Heather Bradley, a spokesperson for the Speaker's office in Ottawa, said Thursday, adding that Scheer was on his way back to Ottawa.

According to reports, Joyce, the member for Falkirk, was overly refreshed and began shouting at Tory MPs, spilling his drink on some, before head-butting Andrew, the Tory MP for Pudsey.

After punching a few more people, he head-butted Andrew a second time, witnesses told re-

porters there.

Labour said Joyce has been booted from the opposition party's parliamentary caucus until police finish investigating the one-man melee.

Police said they were called just before 11 p.m. Wednesday "to reports of a disturbance at a bar within the House of Commons" and that they arrested a man in his 50s on suspicion of assault. Police said Thursday that the man remains in custody.

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SPORTS SCANDAL

Hockey team under scrutiny at Boston U

Boston University is forming a task force to study the "culture and climate" of its men's hockey team after two players were arrested for allegedly assaulting female students this season.

In a letter sent to students, trustees and employees, BU President Robert Brown said the

charges in the two cases "understandably lead to questions about whether the hockey team's culture and climate have contributed in some way to the actions of the two individuals."

In December, Corey Trivino, a leading goal scorer, was arrested on indecent assault and battery charges. Earlier this week, junior defenceman Max Nicastro was charged with raping a female student.

Both players have pleaded not guilty. They were both suspended from the team.

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Man acquitted of drowning wife during honeymoon

A judge Thursday acquitted the man accused of drowning his newlywed wife during a honeymoon diving trip to Australia eight years ago, saying in an unusual ruling that prosecutors did not prove Gabe Watson, 34, intentionally killed his wife to collect on a life insurance policy. Watson had faced life in prison without parole if convicted.

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Anne Frank baptized by Mormons: Researcher

- Church believes ritual gets dead people into heaven
- Jewish groups don't want Holocaust victims included

A new claim has surfaced that the Mormon church has posthumously baptized a Holocaust victim, this time Anne Frank.

The allegations come just a week after The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints apologized when it was brought to light that the parents of Holocaust survivor and Jewish-rights advocate Simon Wiesenthal were posthumously baptized by church members at temples in Arizona and Utah in late January.

Researcher Helen Radkey, a former Mormon who revealed the Wiesenthal baptisms, said this week she found Frank's name in proxy baptism records dated Feb. 18, showing the rit-



► Anne Frank

ual was performed in the Santo Domingo Temple in the Dominican Republic.

"The Church keeps its word and is absolutely firm in its commitment to not accept the names of Holocaust victims for proxy baptism," the Salt Lake

City-based church said in an apology. "It is distressing when an individual willfully violates the Church's policy and something that should be understood to be an offering based on love and respect becomes a source of contention."

Larry Bair, the president of the Mormon temple of Santo Domingo, said Thursday he had looked into the reports but was unable to verify that Frank had been baptized.

If it did occur, Bair told the AP, "it was a mistake."

Frank was a Jewish teenager forced into hiding in Amsterdam during the Holocaust and killed in a concentration camp. Her diary was published in 1947.

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Living. Colour



► Leslie Perez enjoys the velcro wall during the Gay Straight Alliance student carnival at Gulf Coast State College in Panama City, Fla., Thursday.

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Quite a sticky situation

Ex-mistress gets hands on Edwards sex tape

The former mistress of John Edwards has won ownership of a sex tape she filmed with the former presidential candidate as he was running for the White House.

Rielle Hunter sued former Edwards aide Andrew Young and his wife in 2010 over

the intimate tape the couple claimed she abandoned. Hunter lived with the Youngs in 2007, while pregnant with Edwards' baby.

In a court settlement filed Thursday, the Youngs agreed to give up their claim on the property. They also agreed not to talk publicly about the tape.

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► John Edwards

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Terminal attack in Pakistan kills dozen

- ▶ Car bomb rattles the border town of Peshawar
- ▶ No group has claimed responsibility for the blast

Dilawar Khan's son had stopped off at his tea shop on his way back from school when a powerful car bomb exploded outside it. The 12-year-old was among the dozen killed in Thursday's blast in Peshawar, Pakistan, at a bus terminal for passengers wanting to travel to the lawless border regions with Afghanistan.

The explosion tore through a dozen vehicles waiting to transport passengers from the city of Peshawar to other areas of the country. Some of the minibuses were blackened and destroyed. There were 32 wounded, including women and children, officials said.

In the chaos, Khan initially thought his other son had been killed, but he turned up at home later.

"What have my sons done wrong," said the 45-year-old shopkeeper, beating his face with his hands.

Violence has dropped off in Peshawar and some other areas of Pakistan over the past year, following offensives against the Pakistani Taliban in the northwest. But bombings and shootings still occur with regularity, especially in the border regions, and no one is predicting victory against the militants.

No group claimed responsibility for the blast. The dead included two children, including Khan's

son.

Peshawar is located close to the Afghan border, the main sanctuary for Pakistani Taliban fighters at war with the government.

The car bomb was loaded with nearly 45 kilograms of explosives, city police chief Siraj Ahmed said.

It's unclear why the bus terminal was targeted. Most militant attacks are aimed at security force or government targets, but markets and other public places have also been hit, presumably to create chaos and add to perceptions that the government is unable to provide basic security. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ Pakistani volunteers help an injured boy as he arrives at a local hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Thursday.

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North Korea, U.S. resume dialogue

► Talks in Beijing, the third round since July, are aimed at restarting six-nation nuclear-disarmament negotiations

The United States and North Korea resumed talks Thursday delayed by the death of North Korea's longtime leader Kim Jong-il two months ago, with the U.S. envoy saying he and his counterpart covered U.S. food aid and other topics.

The discussions are to continue Friday and could signal whether North Korea's new government is ready to agree to steps demanded by Washington and Pyongyang's neighbours to restart broader international disarmament talks, which are meant to provide aid and diplomatic concessions in return for the North abandoning its nuclear



► U.S. envoy Glyn Davies

weapons programs.

Kim's Dec. 17 death upended a deal between the United States and North Korea where Pyongyang would have suspended its uranium enrichment in return for food aid from

Washington. The meetings in Beijing may partly reveal North Korea's goals under new leader Kim Jong-un, who has vowed to follow his father's policies.

"The talks today were substantive and serious and we covered quite a number of issues," U.S. envoy Glyn Davies told reporters after meeting his counterpart Kim Kye Gwan for almost six hours over two sessions, first at the North Korean Embassy and then at the U.S. Embassy.

Davies would not provide other details, saying only that nutritional aid was discussed.

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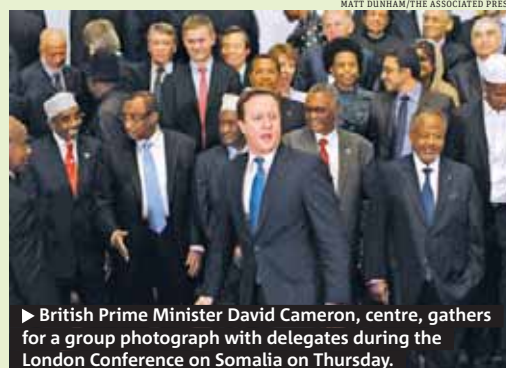
DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

World leaders pledge help for Somalia

World leaders pledged new help to tackle terrorism and piracy in Somalia, but insisted Thursday that the troubled East African nation must quickly form a stable government and threatened penalties against those who hamper its progress.

Nations pledged new funding, additional training for soldiers and coast guards, increased co-operation over terrorism and a new drive to root out those who finance and profit from piracy, after the shipping industry paid out \$135 million in ransoms last year.

"For two decades Somalia has been torn apart by famine, bloodshed and some of the worst



► British Prime Minister David Cameron, centre, gathers for a group photograph with delegates during the London Conference on Somalia on Thursday.

poverty on earth," British Prime Minister David Cameron said, as 55 nations and international organizations, including Somalia's United Nations-backed transitional government, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon attended the talks.

Cameron warned that Somalia's al-Qaida-linked militant group al-Shabab could export terrorism to Europe and the United

States, with dozens of British and American citizens travelling to Somalia to train and fight with the Islamists.

Somalia has had transitional administrations for the past seven years, but has not had a functioning central government since 1991, when warlords overthrew a longtime dictator and turned on each other, plunging the nation into chaos.

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Recession predicted across eurozone

- Unemployment on rise, banks having difficulty raising new funds
- Impact of cutbacks a concern

Half the economies in the 17-nation eurozone are forecast to enter a recession this year, raising concerns that government austerity programs introduced to combat unsustainable debt levels are holding back growth.

The European Commission, the European Union's executive body, forecast a 0.3 per cent contraction in the eurozone economy for 2012, with Greece's economy leading the way downward with a massive 4.4 per cent decline.

In its last forecast in November, the Commission had predicted a 0.5 per cent expansion across the eurozone economy following last year's 1.4 per cent growth. The difference this time is that it now expects

Bailouts

- Three eurozone countries — Ireland, Portugal and Greece — have already received bailouts.
- Only Ireland's economy offers a forecast growth of 0.5 per cent this year on top of 2011's 0.9 per cent growth.
- The lending capacity of the eurozone's bailout funds is capped at \$662 billion US of which more than \$198 billion has been promised to Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

the economies of Belgium, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, the Netherlands and Slovenia to contract in 2012, not just Greece and Portugal.

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► European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs Olli Rehn addresses the media, at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels on Thursday. The 17-nation eurozone economy will suffer a modest recession this year despite recent signs of stabilization, particularly in financial markets, the European Union's executive branch said.

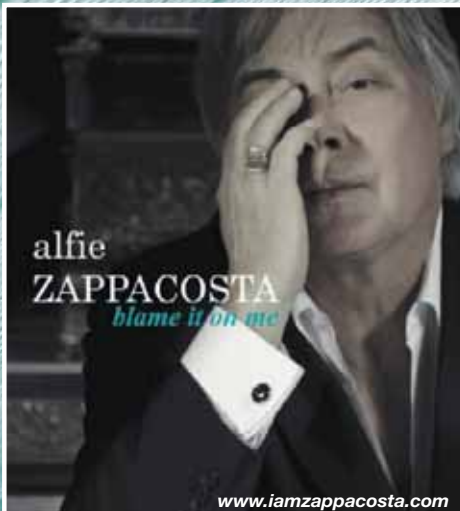
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EU-oilsands fuel battle in hands of politicians

The fight over a proposed European Union rule that would penalize fuel derived from Alberta's oilsands was dumped in the laps of European politicians Thursday after a technical committee failed to reach a conclusive stance.

Environmentalists said that improves the plan's chances of making it into law, while Canadian government and industry officials said the vote results tell them which politicians they need to convince to finally defeat it.

"The purpose of all this is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. If you slam a country whose oil you do not import, but give a free pass to oil that you do import, then you have achieved nothing. You maybe feel better, but you've achieved zero," said federal Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver.

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Obama calls for varied tax rates

Cutting corporate tax rates and deleting loopholes is what most economists prescribe for the tangled U.S. tax code. So why isn't everyone cheering the plan President Barack Obama unveiled Tuesday to slash the top corporate tax rate and end breaks that let some companies pay little or nothing in taxes? Economists note that Obama's plan would upturn the playing field the administration says it wants to level. It would give manufacturers preferential treatment: Tax breaks would effectively cap their rate at 25 per cent. Other companies would pay up to 28 per cent. Some say varying rates can distort the economy by diverting investment into some industries and away from others.

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35%
The current top
corporate tax rate in
the U.S.

► Finance Minister Jim Flaherty answers questions from members of the media in Toronto on Thursday.

'Draconian' cuts not for us: Flaherty

► Budget won't follow Europe's lead
► Yet agencies told to tighten belts

Ottawa will take a moderate approach to government cost-cutting in the budget instead of following in Europe's austerity-driven footsteps, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday.

"We are not one of the countries, many of them in Europe, that have run up deficits for a long period of time, accumulated substantial debt and must really act dramatically — some of them in a draconian way in order to get their house in order again," Flaherty said.

The federal government grew as part of the Conservatives' economic action plan during the global recession and "we will have to have some moderation of that," he added.

Flaherty's comments seemingly run counter to signals that he's preparing a painful, cost-slashing budget next month. Government departments and

agencies have been ordered to cut spending by up to 10 per cent. Few details of the cuts have been made public and the opposition parties are calling on the Conservatives to come clean about their plans to curb costs.

"You never quite know what their political game is. Possibly they're trying to get everybody all frightened and thinking there'll be massive cuts, and then if they just have moderate cuts, everybody will breathe a sigh of relief," said Liberal Treasury Board critic John McCallum.

Flaherty dismissed the need for corporate tax hikes. He said once governments get spending under control they don't have to raise taxes. The budget is also expected to issue a firm policy direction on old-age security centred around raising the retiree collection age. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Court halts iPad proceeding

Lawyers say a Shanghai court has suspended proceedings in a lawsuit by a Chinese electronics maker against Apple Inc. over use of the iPad trademark in China.

The Guangdong High Court is due to hear an appeal by Apple on Feb. 29 against a lower-court decision that favoured Provius. Provius was seeking an injunction to stop Apple from selling iPads in Shanghai. The companies are feuding over whether Provius sold the rights to the mainland Chinese iPad trademark to Apple in a deal in 2009.

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Keystone pipeline inevitable: Governor

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► Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer at his office at the Montana legislature on Wednesday in Helena. He believes the Keystone XL pipeline will be built next year.

Montana's governor says the Keystone XL pipeline from Alberta's oilsands to the Gulf Coast will eventually be built, and he blames the delay on "jackasses" in Washington who have only recently discovered the issue.

"Ninety per cent of these jackasses that are complaining about the Keystone pipeline in Washington, D.C., one year ago wouldn't have even known where the Keystone was," said Gov. Brian Schweitzer, a Democrat.

The pipeline, which would extend an existing

oil line that delivers crude to the U.S. Midwest, has become a major political flashpoint as U.S. President Barack Obama seeks re-election.

Backers of the Trans-Canada project say it would create thousands of jobs and supplant crude imports. Critics worry it would increase dependence on "dirty" oilsands crude and cause ecological harm to the American heartland in the event of a spill. A decision by the U.S. State Department was delayed until early 2013 to work out a new route. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Canadians rely heavily on home value: BoC

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increasingly vulnerable to a housing correction, exposing them to a perfect storm of high debt and falling assets, the Bank of Canada warns.

In a book of four research papers released Thursday, the central





bank suggests many Canadians have constructed their finances on a house of cards, with ever rising home values the key and vulnerable support.

The bank economists point out that home prices have risen sharply

in the past dozen or so years along with debt, as households needed both bigger mortgages to buy homes and used equity from higher home values to finance other purchases.

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Journal of Sexual Health recently published research that states, "Condom misuse is an epidemic." Kinsey's Richard Crosby went so far as to say, "We underestimate how complicated condom use can be." Really? Have we tried funding an organization that prevents dummies from

having sex?

2 Roll up the RIM: This week RIM announced the launch of its BlackBerry PlayBook OS 2.0. It includes many things that should have been on the original, but they are still slightly behind their competitors, primarily pertaining to apps. My thought? How about an app that teaches people how to use a condom?

3 Sorry Charlie: Charlie Sheen wrote a letter to Ashton Kutcher, apologizing for recent "disrespectful" comments. Sheen's management stated, "Why is anyone still listening to Charlie?"

4 Auto child: Toronto couple Robbie and Esther Stern gave birth to a baby boy in the front seat of their Dodge Avenger. What happens now? Do they get free Dodges for life? Is the kid automatically born with a driver's licence? Free gas? Either way, it'll make a great ad: "Dodge Avenger: From one generation to the next!"

5 Wise-guy witness: After years of suspicion that organized-crime groups were controlling public-works contracts in Quebec, an inquiry has finally been launched. Now Quebec is asking the public to help gather evidence via anonymous email or toll-free phone calls. In unrelated news, the Canadian government has cut funding to the witness-protection program.

6 Dating for dummies: Canada is on the reality-show bandwagon: Canada's Got Talent airs next week, and auditions for The Bachelor Canada are underway. Next, I suggest a combo show wherein the bachelor actually chooses his companion based on her talent. Women can juggle, dance or sing (my money's on the contortionist). Hey, maybe they can finally find a partner for Susan Boyle.

7 Poetic justice: A fugitive, who had been convicted of 12 counts of sexual misconduct with a minor and who had appeared on America's Most Wanted, was arrested in Montreal upon returning from Venezuela. He lived in Vancouver for 10 years under an assumed Canadian identity. With a 169-year sentence looming, he probably felt he should take time off to travel. Let's hope he's imprisoned alongside other most-wanted criminals. That's something I'd pay to see.

8 Academy Awards: A word of advice for the Oscars. If you win the award for best short film, please ensure your speech is shorter than the actual project.

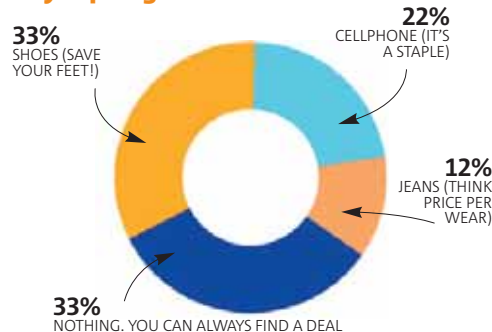
9 Here's lookin' at you, Kid: Native Montrealeers lost an icon last week when Gary (The Kid) Carter passed away at age 57. In 2003 he became the first player to enter the Baseball Hall of Fame as an Expo. The bond between Carter and Montreal was so strong that, even after playing for three other teams, he returned for one final season in 1992. He will be dearly remembered, and forever missed. RIP.

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Local tweets



@bridgetclarke: my room looks so clean and pretty.... probably because half of my clothes/belongings are in wolfville #good-grief

@codymckellar7: I went to the store to buy a "Where's Waldo" book and couldn't find it. Well played Waldo, well played.

@barons9887: Going home then doing homework then hockey practice #long day

@LynnesHomes: Lots of rain down on #Halifax and #Dartmouth roads - slow

down a bit or you might end up flying a bit

@KatieHuntsman: still not been to bed, no way could I hack going out tonight #lightwieghtprick

@lenaonme69: Might throw myself off a bridge if someone doesn't return my phone

@juliewhite3: Doing a couple loads of laundry at m-ma bears then going to see my dad so he can fill up my gas tank. #ilovemy-parents

@Warewithall: It is absolutely pouring in Bridgewater. Wish it was snow.

Daily Zoom

Human water fountain



For the man who has everything

MIAMI BEACH. Fancy joining the jet set? Well, it wouldn't hurt if you got yourself this water-powered jet pack, demonstrated here at the Yacht & Brokerage Show in Florida this month.

The JetLev R200 toy for big boys propels fliers nine metres in the air by sucking up water from the sea and blasting it back out. **MWN**

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Synopsis

Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd play a big-city couple forced to downsize when he loses his job and her documentary is rejected by HBO. Forced to sell their apartment and faced with the prospect of working with his idiot brother, the pair go adopt a hippie lifestyle and move into a free love commune.

Ratings:

Richard: ●●●●●
Mark: ●●●●●



► In Wanderlust, Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston play a big-city couple who leaves it all behind to live in a commune.

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN



Richard: Mark, Wanderlust is something we haven't seen for a while — a Jennifer Aniston movie that doesn't stink. In fact, it's really good. Great supporting cast, loads of laughs and a great hallucination scene. The only thing that stinks is the hippie hygiene. What did you think?

MB: Ah, but most Paul Rudd movies are pretty good. He has a great track record of choosing good scripts, and Aniston had the good sense to attach herself to it. This is really one of the funniest movies I've seen in a long time. I started laughing at the opening scene in the realtor's office and didn't stop

for 90 minutes. It's smart, well-cast, timely, and I can't find any flaws. If you liked writer/director David Wain's offbeat, loopy work in The State or Wet Hot American Summer, you're going to love this picture.

RC: Agreed. I haven't laughed like that in a movie since Bridesmaids last year. Rudd dies a mirror pep talk scene that is raunchy, funny and kind of surreal. Speaking of surreal, the hallucination sequence is trippy and hilarious. I've seen loads of drug scenes in movies but this one made me feel high ... with laughter.

MB: The film feels like Martha Marcy May Mar-

lene reimagined as a comedy with, yes, a Bridesmaids spirit. It's been a long while since we've seen a hippie commune satire, and it's long overdue. So much to like here — Alan Alda's acid-head paterfamilias, Malin Ackermann's love goddess, the nudist writer/winemaker, the boorish brother, his neglected trophy wife, and Justin Theroux as the cult leader lost in the '90s.

RC: I think the reason the movie works so well, aside from the very funny script, is that each of the characters you mentioned could have been the focus of the story and it still would have been a good movie. There isn't a character in

the movie that feels extraneous. Also, I loved the uber hippie jokes. Where else would you find a placenta as soup stock joke?

MB: Saturday Night Live had a 'placenta helper' mock commercial some time ago that was heavily censored. But you're right — the movie gets the details right. It's an ayahuasca ceremony that they take part in, peyote being so ... 2003. And maybe that's the thrill of finally seeing Ms. Aniston in a comedy that's not only funny but original as well. She's been performing for focus groups far too long. Wanderlust may be a Hollywood movie, but it has an indie sensibility.

2 scene

Scene in brief



Alliance Films says the City of Toronto has removed 38 Goon posters ahead of the hockey movie's release Friday. A spokeswoman for Alliance says the ads feature Goon star Jay Baruchel "gesturing in a way that the city believes is inappropriate." The poster reportedly featured Baruchel making a sexually suggestive sign with his tongue and fingers.

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Actress Pam Grier praises War Horse, Streep, Close and Davis ahead of Oscars

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► Project X director talks about his own days of partying ► Filming a bender isn't as fun as it seems



When I sit down to talk to British director Nima Nourizadeh at the W Hotel in Hollywood, there's a tray full of liquor bottles and martini-making tools on the table between us. It's not even 10 in the morning.



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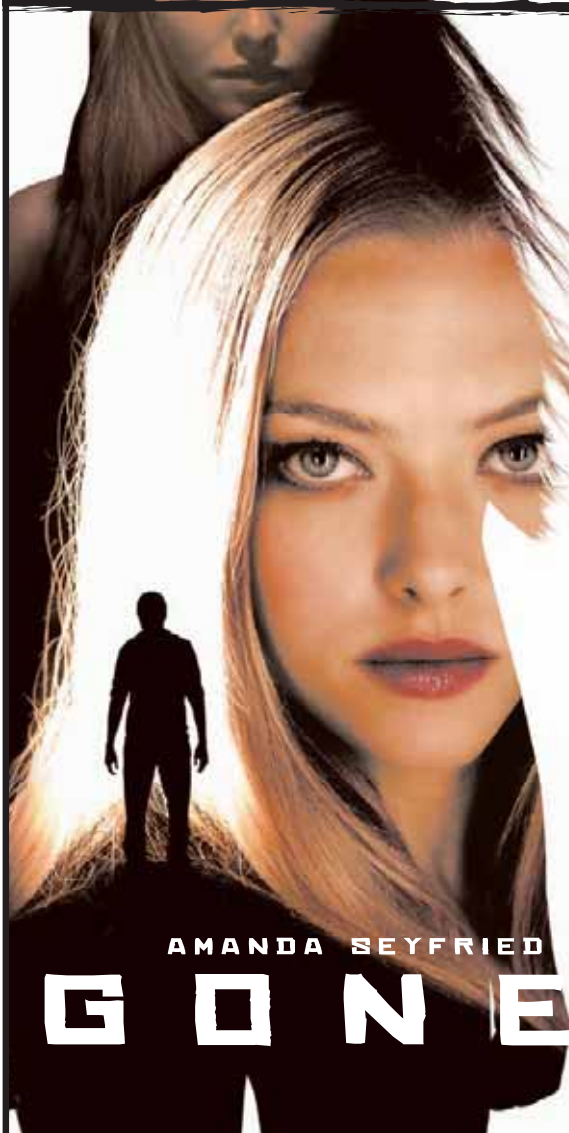
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"Do you want a drink?" he offers, before joking, "This is the second tray they've brought me, by the way. I've already had one." That sense of humour makes him a perfect fit for Project X, his directorial debut, about a teenage house party that gets beyond out of control.

This movie looked like a lot of fun to make for the actors but a nightmare for the director.

I mean, honestly, it was one of the most challenging things that I've ever done. We had a short amount of time to shoot quite an insane movie. But it was like this controlled chaos, you

know? It was a lot of fun, but you hit an age where you're just like, after one night of partying you just want to chill and watch TV. And for me it was like I had to keep the energy up for four and a half weeks of night shoots.

So how does the movie match up to your own party experiences?

I don't even know if I can even talk about it. (laughs) My party experiences tend to be I have an amazing time, and then I wake up. I literally wake up and I'm still at the party and no one else is there. That's happened to me loads of times.



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Goon
Genre: Comedy
Director: Mike Dowse
Stars: Seann William Scott, Jay Baruchel, Allison Pill
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Mike Dowse's mighty hockey comedy splits the difference between Slapshot (gory rink violence) and the director's previous Fubar films (well-meaning boneheads try-

ing their best not so screw up). Seann William's performance as a bouncer-turned-enforcer is a beautiful balance of guilelessness and thuggery, and the script gives him and the other actors plenty of space to breathe while still squarely hitting the necessary sports-flick beats.

● ADAM NAYMAN



Good Deeds
Genre: Comedy/Romance
Director: Tyler Perry
Stars: Tyler Perry, Gabrielle Union, Thandie Newton
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Good Deeds will make you laugh, but you'll be laughing at it rather than with it. It may also make you cry, but they will be tears of frustration at a story so predictable it makes the See Spot Run books seem complex by comparison. Director Tyler Perry is

not doing audiences a good deed by releasing his latest film, Good Deeds, in general release. The melodramatic story of a rich man (Tyler Perry) who learns about love and life from a woman (Thandie Newton) who works for him isn't just a bad movie, it's what I call a 'seatbelt movie;' a film so bad you'll need a seatbelt to keep you from walking out halfway through.

● RICHARD CROUSE



Act of Valor
Genre: Action
Directors: Mike McCoy, Scott Waugh
Stars: Alex Veadov, Roselyn Sanchez
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There's something simultaneously startling and uncomfortable about watching real-life Navy SEALs starring in a fictional action film based on their professional exploits: at times, Act of Val-

or feels like the live-action equivalent of a kid slamming his GI Joes together. The film is relatively well-made around its strange gimmick, and if it's unusually jingoistic by the standards of most post Iraq-war blockbusters, that's the whole idea: faulting the filmmakers for heroizing their subjects is sort of missing the point.

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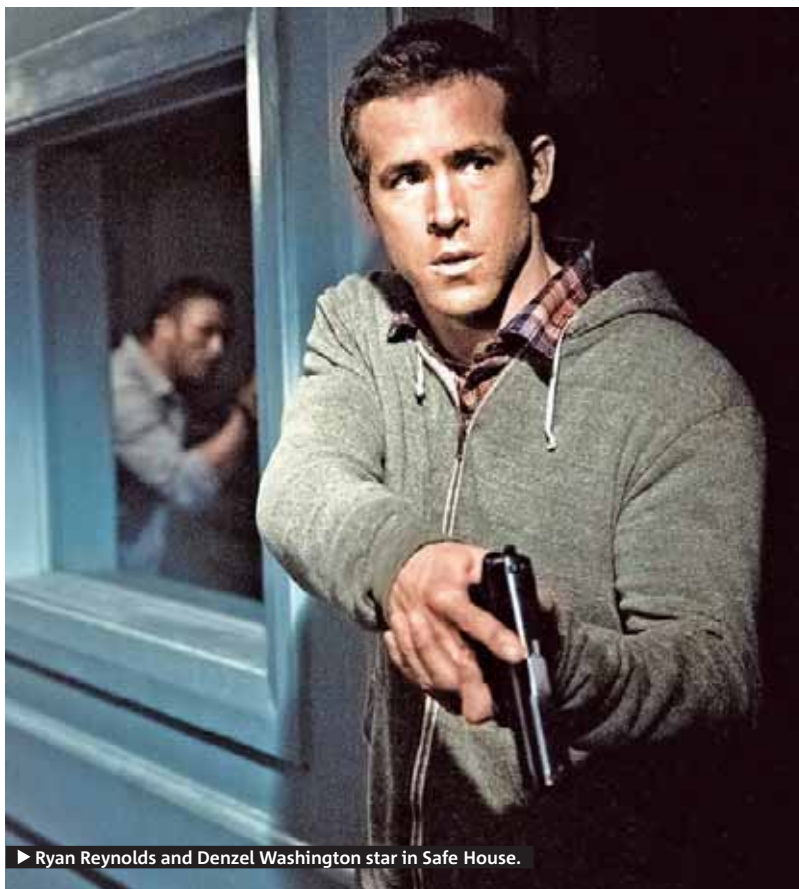
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THE FUTURE OF THE REUNION MEGATOUR

SOUND CHECK



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The music industry has been lousy at creating new legendary acts over the last dozen years.

Outside of Jack White and Coldplay, try to name more rock acts that emerged from the 2000's that have turned into old-school global rock 'n' roll superstars with long careers still ahead of them.

This has contributed to two things: Megatours by legacy artists (U2, Madonna, Rush, the Rolling Stones) and the explosion in reunions.

Ever since Michael Cohn and Arthur Fogel — the two Canadians who invented the megatour when they convinced the Rolling Stones to get back together for the Steel Wheels roadtrip in 1989 — there's been an ever-increasing amount of money to be made in getting

the band back together.

Unlike newer acts, these productions can fill arenas and stadiums. And when all the receipts are counted, everybody makes a LOT of money.

No wonder promoters are willing to drop their pants to put together insanely huge offers for reunion tours.

But this well is starting to run dry as age takes its toll on the older and most profitable legacy acts. Black Sabbath (collective age: 252) had to cancel its 2012 reunion tour over Tony Iommi's health issues, leaving a potential gross of \$170 million on the table.

The Rolling Stones (collective age: 270) probably have one last tour in them. The Beach Boys — or what's left of them (collective age: 340) — will do this 50th anniversary tour and then perhaps pack it in.

This means there's more pressure for younger defunct acts to get it together again. Soundgarden, Jane's Addiction, Stone Roses and the Happy Mondays

caved. The Van Halen brothers finally agreed to tolerate David Lee Roth for a little while.

Even cult-y acts like At the Drive-In, Jesus and Mary Chain and My Bloody Valentine have jumped aboard this train.

How much money would someone be willing to pay The Smiths for them to get back together?

Or better yet, how much money is there in a reunion of Appetite for Destruction-era Guns 'N Roses? If the Police grossed

\$350 million, what are the Gunners worth? \$500 million? More?

Bottom line: I can see a GnR reunion in the near future. If not in 2012, then in 2013. There's just too much money on the line for everyone involved.

Unlike most newer acts, legacy artists can fill arenas and stadiums — and everybody makes a lot of money.

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► Black Sabbath cancelled its 2012 reunion tour over band member Tony Iommi's health issues, leaving a potential \$170 million on the table.



Even cartoons need their Cons

► The Gorillaz are back ► Check out the cartoon band's new sound and kicks with the one and only: Converse

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

The Converse and Gorillaz sneaker collaboration hits stores this week. But it's no eye-rolling music-meets-fashion collaboration.

The cartoon band — led by lead singer Damon Albarn — employed the help of their art and video director Jamie Hewlett, a smart move judging by his epic videos.

There's a fresh sound too, thanks to the Converse Three Artists One Song, titled DoYaThing featuring Gorillaz, James Murphy and Outkast's Andre 3000, which is avail-

able to download from converse.com. (The band's collection of singles is also out now.)

Here's a taste of what to expect with the help of band member Murdoc.

Get the look

The Cons come in a camo-print, military-insignia motif, complete with cartoon Pazuzu character and a collage of graffiti-style album artwork.

But here's a word of advice from our man Murdoc: "I think they need to be worn in a bit, to give them that skuzzy feel." So true, no wannabe hipster wants to rock up in shiny new shoes

— you'll be bullied.

The music

It's a mash-up of the entire Gorillaz back catalogue — but don't worry, it doesn't get messy. The band's bassist says: "It's hip-hop, it's funk, it's rock, it rolls — it's got it all. It does its thing, y'know."

Ten years, four shoes

So, just how did the guys decide which designs would make the four shoes cut? Well, Murdoc keeps it simple, saying: "It's always been four pairs of shoes. Me, Russel, Noodle and ... 2D. But the whole history of this band has been just four pairs of shoes."



► The cartoon band Gorillaz

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Big love for Mike & Molly

► 11 million fans are tuning in to sitcom about a working-class couple ► Show airs Mondays on CTV

It's a birthday for Mike Biggs, the goodhearted, heavy-set hero of Mike & Molly, and Molly Flynn, his plus-size love, presents him with the cake.

"Make a wish," she says, to which he replies, "I don't need to. I already got everything I want."

A little bit sappy? Not this show, insists Billy Gardell, who co-stars with Melissa McCarthy in the hit CBS comedy.

"Mike & Molly," he says, exists "in a world where we don't just say a snarky line, make a crazy face, and walk out of the room. There's actually some tender moments here, too."

Most viewers also occupy this world, and an average weekly audience of 11 million fans clearly identify with Mike & Molly, making it a Top 20 fixture in its

sophomore season.

The title characters are a working-class Chicago couple who met at an Overeaters Anonymous meeting. Stories deal with tight budgets and work-a-day jobs (he's a cop, she's a fourth-grade schoolteacher), their exasperating families, and the ups and downs of their romance and impending marriage.

As Mike struggles to shed a few pounds (a relatable issue to viewers, fat or thin), the show doesn't shy from wisecracks about the lovers' generous waistlines.

"Everybody always asks me, 'Does it bother you about the fat jokes?'" says Gardell during a recent interview. "At the beginning, we had to address that issue, because we're a show in a world of shows where everybody's perfect — and

we're not! But as the show went on, it has become more about the love story."

When the writing takes a sensitive turn, the co-stars make the most of it. McCarthy, previously known from *The Gilmore Girls* and Oscar-nominated for *Bridesmaids*, has already logged an Emmy for her performance as the gentle but no-nonsense Molly.

"I knew I could do the funny parts," says Gardell when asked if he worried that his acting range could satisfy the show's demands. "The serious parts I owe to [director] Jimmy Burrows, who's really brought my acting along. And I owe a lot to Melissa McCarthy: When I have those moments with her, I know I can be vulnerable, and that she's going to reflect it back." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Billy Gardell, left, and Melissa McCarthy in a scene from Mike & Molly.

Becoming Mike

Gardell, whose TV credits include *Yes, Dear* and *My Name is Earl*, is a veteran standup comic with an easygoing earnestness.

► **Twist of fate:** "It was the last audition of pilot season for me," says Gardell, thinking back just two short

years ago as he braced to leave Los Angeles for a possible radio gig in the Midwest.

► **Getting off the road:** He was aiming to cut down on his 42-weeks-a-year touring schedule as a comic. It had begun to wear him down as he approached age 40, with a wife and a young son he seldom saw.

► **Grateful:** "For every guy like me, there's 20 guys who put the time in and have the talent that didn't get the break," he says. "As a comic, I've heard gunshots while I'm trying to get to sleep... Now I always tell my castmates when something seems to go wrong, 'I've been in real trouble, and THIS ain't it!'"

TV picks



Degrassi is back and filled with drama

TEEN ANGST. New episodes of *Degrassi* return with back-to-back episodes Friday after a long hiatus. Fiona has two goals — make new friends and carve out a new reputation. Unfortunately the popular girls' clique she's dying to join isn't so interested in her quirky friend Imogen. (MuchMusic)

Prince Harry puts on a parka

NORTH POLE CHARITY TREK. In *Harry's Arctic Heroes*, Prince Harry joins four soldiers severely wounded in the war in Afghanistan on an ambitious charity trek to the North Pole. The two-part special starting Saturday highlights the plight of the more than 1,700 service personnel who have been injured in Afghanistan since the conflict began. (Discovery World HD)

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All in good fun

UNCENSORED COMEDY. The stand-up series *Funny as Hell* returns for a new season of lewd, rude and crude laughs on Friday, with Ottawa's Jon Dore as ring leader. The eight-part, half-hour series was taped in front of a live audience at the 2011 Just For Laughs Festival.

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The X Factor is hiring

► Cowell wants 2 female judges, 2 hosts for singing contest's new season

Simon Cowell is playing it coy about rumours that Fergie, Britney Spears and Janet Jackson are being considered for *The X Factor*.

Two judges' spots on the Fox TV singing contest opened up when Paula Abdul and Nicole Scherzinger left after the first season. Cowell told a teleconference Wednesday that two women will replace them, but he declined to comment on who's being considered.

"There's been a load of speculation, some true, some not true," Cowell said. He added that he waited to see who was interested enough to ask about joining the show before focusing on the search.

Meetings will be held over the next few weeks with "a number of people," Cowell said, primarily to

make it clear to contenders how much of a time commitment *X Factor* represents.

He didn't shed much light on the departures of Abdul and Scherzinger, saying only that shows evolve and "this time it was decided to do it sooner or later."

He said the two have been "incredibly gracious and respectful" and he's looking forward to working with them again.

With host Steve Jones' exit, Cowell said he wants to switch to a two-host format that would better suit the show and the amount of information that needs to be explained, entertainingly, to viewers.

He didn't say who might be hired but said they could be people who don't have "host" on their resumé.

He's not looking far for



► From left: Nicole Scherzinger, Steve Jones, Simon Cowell, Paula Abdul and L.A. Reid

new judges and emcees, Cowell indicated, saying, "it's important we have more Americans on the show."

Cowell, who's a judge on the Fox show he based on his hit British series, is English. Jones is Welsh.

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Producing 'dope' new sounds

► New film pushes Mark Ronson and DJ Premier to work outside of their musical comfort zones



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It's not easy to throw Mark

Ronson for a loop. Having produced such varied acts as Amy Winehouse, Duran Duran and Nas, he was eager to get involved in a fish-

out-of-water musical experience like Re:Generation, the new film which pairs producers with unlikely musicians.

"I came from being a hip-hop DJ in New York, starting off in the '90s and that's what you did, you brought genres together,"

says Ronson. "That has always appealed to me."

For his part, Ronson brings one of his favourite backing bands, the Dap-Kings, to New Orleans to create a jazz song with Erykah Badu, Trombone Shorty, Mos Def and drummer Joseph (Zigaboo) Modeste.

"We were all pretty much just going into it with Zigaboo as a complete hero of all of ours," says Ronson. "The way he plays drums and his drum breaks from the early Meters stuff are pretty much the DNA of hip-hop and funk, and we were all excited beyond belief to play with him. And he still plays and sounds like he did on those records that we grew up listening to!"

Elsewhere in the film, DJ Premier (Preem) visits Boston to work with the Berklee Symphony Orchestra, Skrillex works with the surviving members of The Doors in Los Angeles, The Crystal Method go to Detroit to work with Martha Reeves of the Vandellas and the Funk Brothers, while Pretty Lights struggles to create something country with LeAnn Rimes and Dr. Ralph Stanley.

"I saw it in the trailer that there's a little tension and some serious culture and generational gaps go-

ing on, and I'm a little bit concerned that our thing is going to seem a bit boring," says Ronson, whose composition really does seem to come together quite organically. He says a key to the kinship was hanging out.

"We all just learned a lot and had a great time down in New Orleans," he says. "We went to this kind of alternative scene bar where like 80 per cent of the dudes had full face tattoos and they were playing this music called bounce, and we just absorbed all of New Orleans, not just its traditional culture."

Premier premieres

DJ Premier may have had the assignment that was least similar to what he regularly does. The hip-hop producer, known for his work with rappers like Snoop Dogg and Kanye West, had to create a piece of classical music.

"I really enjoyed having the chance to learn something new," says Premier. Granted access to classical greats, Preem sampled various composers to piece his ideas together. Then he collaborated with Berklee professor Stephen Webber, who transcribed the samples into written music.

"Working with everyone on this was just dope," says Premier.

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Oscars: Who will win, and should

► While the Academy has finished voting and the Oscar winners are all but decided, we thought we'd give some experts one last chance to weigh in on the year's best

Alonso Duralde,
theWrap.com

BEST PICTURE

Will win: The Artist. It's a feel-good movie that, beyond being silent and black-and-white, plays it pretty safe, and it's got the Weinstein machine behind it.

Should win: The Descendants. When people look back at this period of filmmaking decades from now, the humanity and the wit of Alexander Payne's movies will continue to resonate.

Should have been nominated: I know that movies like Weekend Update or Attack the Block would never in a million years get the nod from Oscar, so I'll go with Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy.

BEST DIRECTOR

Will win: Michel Hazanavicius (The Artist), more as part of the sweep for The Artist than out of a collective love of the OSS 117 series.

Should win: Alexander Payne, The Descendants.

Should have been nominated: Bennett Miller, for making Moneyball so fascinating to non-sports fans like me.

BEST ACTOR

Will win: Jean Dujardin (The Artist). He's way more appealing than Roberto Benigni, but if he wins, he'll be lumped



► The Artist looks like a favourite to collect some serious hardware on Oscar night.

together with him for all eternity.

Should win: All of these performances are great in their own way, but I'd love to see Gary Oldman get it, both for making such small choices resonate so deeply in Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy and as a tribute to 25 years of unpredictable work.

Should have been nominated: Steve Coogan in The Trip. Playing "yourself" is tricky business, and he makes his obnoxious on-screen alter ego eminently watchable.

BEST ACTRESS

Will win: Viola Davis (The

Help), who gives an extraordinary performance in the service of a toxic movie.

Should win: Davis, if only for having the role that relies the least on prosthetics/makeup/costume.

Should have been nominated: Vera Farmiga, for her luminous work as a woman who begins to question her commitment to her faith in the wonderful and little-seen Higher Ground, which she also directed.

Kyle Buchanan, Vulture

BEST PICTURE

Will win: The Artist.

Should win: Moneyball.

Should have been nominated: Drive.

BEST DIRECTOR

Will win: Michel Hazanavicius, The Artist.

Should win: Either Woody Allen (Midnight in Paris) or Terrence Malick (Tree of Life), simply because they won't show up and the lack of a speech will help bring the show in on time.

Should have been nominated: Bennett Miller, Moneyball.

BEST ACTOR

Will win: Jean Dujardin, The Artist.

Should win: Brad Pitt, Moneyball.

Should have been nominated: Michael Shannon, Take Shelter.

BEST ACTRESS

Will win: Viola Davis, The Help.

Should win: Viola Davis, The Help.

Should have been nominated: Kristen Wiig, Bridesmaids.

Ned Ehrbar,
Metro World News

BEST PICTURE

Will win: The Artist, a decent tribute to the history of film,

but too light for my tastes.

Should win: Hugo, a much more inventive tribute to the history of film.

Should have been nominated: Shame, by far one the best — and most depressing — films of the year.

BEST DIRECTOR

Will win: Michel Hazanavicius, The Artist.

Should win: Martin Scorsese, Hugo.

Should have been nominated: David Fincher, Girl with the Dragon Tattoo.

BEST ACTOR

Will win: Jean Dujardin, The Artist

Should win: Gary Oldman, Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy.

Should have been nominated: Michael Fassbender, Shame.

BEST ACTRESS

Will win: Meryl Streep, The Iron Lady.

Should win: Streep, because really, it's time. And she made Margaret Thatcher human.

Should have been nominated: Tilda Swinton, We Need to Talk About Kevin.

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Smart money's on Christopher Plummer for Beginners and Octavia Spencer for The Help.

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Red carpet makeup



► Carrie Underwood and her eyelashes.



► Angelina Jolie and her flawless skin.

Professional makeup artist Mariam Jensen — who has styled celebrities from Rihanna to Richard Branson — breaks down what the stars will be doing to wow on the red carpet this year.

1. Strong lips in bold orange and red shades are trending on the red carpet, as seen on stars such as Christina Hendricks at this year's BAFTAs. Orange and red are actually quite wearable, yet many women shy away from trying them. Red lipstick dresses up an outfit — I often tease my clients that red lips are like heels minus the pain! Some gorgeous, wearable reds to try are MAC Lady Danger, Tom Ford Cherry Lush, and for the first-timers try JK Jemma Kidd Air Kiss Shine Lip Gloss in Dress 2 Impress.

2. False eyelashes are huge on the red carpet. At the Grammys, we saw Carrie Underwood, Kelly Rowland and Jessie J rocking long, thick, doll-like lashes. I am a huge fan of Shu Uemura Smokey Layers, which

add the length, volume and drama to the eyes, yet are much more user-friendly than some of the versions the celebs are wearing.

If you're not ready to have super-obvious false eyelashes, try another huge celeb secret: mink eyelashes. I love Velour Lashes are soft, cruelty-free and look very natural on the eyes.

3. Flawless skin is another huge trend we are seeing on the red carpet. Gone are the days of sheer tints, as celebs are strutting the red carpet with mannequin skin. To get a perfect, flawless finish, try products like My Face Cosmetics My Mix Foundation, which provides a gorgeous light-weight finish. For those that need more coverage, I am a huge fan of Cover FX Total Coverage Cream Foundation, which covers every imperfection under the sun with little effort. This miracle product covers acne, pigmentation, rosacea and even tattoos. (Angelina Jolie apparently is a huge fan.)

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The Oscar drinking game

Awards shows can get pretty long and tedious, even for movie buffs. This Academy Awards Viewing Party Drinking Game should help enliven the

dull moments. The rules are simple. Take a drink every time:

1. The orchestra attempts to "play off" a winner during their acceptance speech (take two if it's during an acting category)
2. Someone reference's Michael Fassbender's nude scenes in Shame

3. You don't recognize someone during the In Memoriam montage

4. The Artist wins an award — but do it quietly

5. Someone makes a lame joke about The Artist being a silent film

6. A loser pretends to be cool about los-

ing, but you know they're really angry

7. Billy Crystal makes you laugh ● NED EHRBAR



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5 things you didn't know about the Academy Awards

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1

On-site engraving: It used to be that winners were given a dummy Oscar and would have to wait weeks for the real thing to arrive, but beginning last year the Academy started setting up an engraving station at the Governor's Ball right after the ceremony. No word on how much winners would have to bribe the engravers to embellish the accolades, but if you notice a plaque that says "Viola 'Suck it, Meryl!' Davis," you'll know it's possible.

2

Seat-fillers are hard at

work: One of the cushiest gigs in Hollywood for an extra is that of an Oscars ceremony seat-filler. The well-dressed group waits backstage to sit in for presenters, winners or anyone else who needs to get up without leaving the auditorium looking a little less star-filled. The seat-fillers even get to walk the red carpet before the ceremony.

3

Extended acceptance speeches: While winners tend to be swept off the stage after a minute or less of giddiness, there's a camera setup backstage that streams online where they can add in any friends or family members they didn't get a chance to mention — or completely forgot.

4

Even more tuxedos: The Oscars is a black-tie event for everyone, down to the stagehands, caterers and lowly press mulling about backstage. While the more physically demanding jobs — like hauling cameras around the auditorium — get a pass on the bow-tie, the crew members still have to look presentable.

5

Attendees people are paying for drinks: While the Golden Globes offer an open bar throughout the ceremony, the lobby drink stations at the Kodak Theater still charge during the ceremony. So if you see folks heading up the aisle at commercial breaks, assume they're reaching for their wallets.



► Actor Colin Firth, winner of the award for best actor in a leading role for *The King's Speech*, attends the Governors Ball last year.



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Bobby Brown plans Whitney tell-all book

► Friends furious at his attempts to cash in on her death, ditching funeral

Bobby Brown is reportedly looking to write a tell-all memoir about his time with Whitney Houston — but it's not the first time he's had the idea, according to the Huffington Post.

"Back in 2008, the interest in a book on Whitney Houston wasn't that great. Whitney had fallen off the radar back then," a source says.

"But now, following her tragic death, the market has changed. Now is the time for a book that details an honest look into the life of Whitney."

Friends of the late singer aren't surprised by Brown's supposed interest.

"This is a man who left his ex-wife's funeral because he didn't like his seats and went to a paying gig that night," one pal says.

"He didn't get on stage that night because he needed to sing his greatest hits or because Whitney would have wanted him to entertain his fans, he did it to get a paycheck — the same reason he now wants to write a tell-all book."

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Talking points

Witherspoon wants to add to her family

ANOTHER FUTURE BREAD WINNER Reese Witherspoon is up for the idea of having a baby with new husband Jim Toth, according to Hollyscoop.

"I'd love that," the Oscar-winner says. "I feel really good and I'm at a really good place in my life."

Witherspoon already has two children — 12-year-old Ava and 8-year-old Deacon — with ex-husband Ryan Phillippe, and she admits another kid would mean more people to embarrass around the house.



"The other day I was dancing

Celebrity tweets



"I'm considering changing my Twitter avatar. This decision is momentous. Feel like I should focus group it."

@ElizabethBanks



@charliesheen

"I've waited 25 years for last night. it was worth every second welcome back Dave Roth. Rock has a new sherriff."

@joelmchale

"There's four kids at this playground named Cody. Buffalo Bill would be so proud."



@BillyCrystal

"Great news! Hosting Oscars counts five hours toward my community service!"

around the house when they came in and literally stared at me like, 'Oh my God, that's so embarrassing,'" she says of her children.

"But I didn't stop. You can't stop dancing."

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Star dining



Governors Ball chef Wolfgang Puck has once again created a delicious array of dishes for the stars to dine on following the 84th Academy Awards.

This year, instead of a formal sit-down dinner, the chef will offer 50 dishes for a buffet-style event.

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Nostalgic Oscars: Party like it's the 1920s again as show celebrates timeless cinema.

Classy take on Oscar bites

Many Academy Award parties offer themed dishes Try sophisticated Smoked Salmon Oscar Bites instead If you want a theme, serve beverages inspired by best picture nominees

Toasting the nominees



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I've been addicted to the Academy Awards show since I stayed up past my bedtime to watch *The Godfather Part II* beat *The Towering Inferno* for best picture in 1974 (I'm still shocked).

This year, I'm celebrating what's proved to be a pretty good year for movies by coming up with a liquid match for the front runners vying for the top prize this Sunday.

The Artist

What the heck? A black and white silent film from France is this year's best bet for Best Picture? Its late '20s setting made me thirsty for an ice cold martini made with France's best know neutral spirit Grey Goose Vodka (\$44.99 - \$49.99). Shaken, not stirred, of course.

The Descendants

Alexander Payne directed the now classic wine-themed *Sideways*. Celebrate his latest masterpiece (and George Clooney's great per-

formance) with anything but merlot. Think a food friendly, Californian red like Robert Mondavi's 2008 Private Selection Pinot Noir (\$15.95 - \$19.99). My money is on *The Descendants* to win.

The Help

This excellent ensemble piece is set in the southern USA during the days when the Civil Rights movement was just getting going. American whisky is the tippie of choice in that part of the world so reach for a chilled shot of Maker's Mark Bourbon (\$35.95 - \$39.99). Scared of bourbon sans mix? Make the south's most famous cocktail: The mint julep.

Midnight In Paris

An American in Paris travels back in time to the City of Lights' heyday. Toast the return of Woody Allen with the old school, fruit-forward goodness of Georges Duboeuf's 2010 Brouilly (\$15.78 - \$22.49) from France's Beaujolais region. Baguette, optional. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



This recipe makes 24 bites.

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The Academy Awards is a pretty elaborate affair. So why not make your party just as fancy with these Smoked Salmon Oscar Bites.

The lemon works well to balance the smoked salmon.

Look for the little cups in grocery store shelves around the deli or in the cracker aisle.

These are also just as delicious on kettle chips for a quick change.

Smoked Salmon Oscar Bites

Preparation:

1 Using electric hand mixer, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Beat in horseradish, shallot, capers, garlic, lemon rind and juice until smooth.

2 Place croustade cups onto serving platter and pipe or dollop a small amount of the mixture into cups.

3 Cut smoked salmon into thin strips and place decoratively on top of cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with chives before serving.

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Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) light cream cheese, softened
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) horseradish
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced shallot
- 2 tsp (10 mL) minced capers
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon rind
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice
- 1 box (40 g) siljans croustade cups
- 1 pkg (85 g) sliced smoked salmon
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► Aside from being full of catchphrases, *Forrest Gump* also had a culinary twist thanks to Forrest's buddy Bubba, a shrimp fisherman ► Try these tasty movie-themed snacks



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Forrest Gump

The 1994 movie *Forrest Gump* followed the adventures of a good-hearted man of less-than-average intelligence who somehow found himself with a front seat to many historical events — from the evolution of Elvis Presley to the Vietnam War and beyond.

Along the way, he makes friends with Bubba, a shrimp fisherman who waxes lyrical about the many ways to cook the crustaceans.

This recipe calls for a simple baked preparation livened up with chopped pecans.

We paired it with a chocolate cocktail commemorating the movie's catchphrase that "life is

like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."

In this case, we feel reasonably safe in predicting that you're gonna get a delicious drink.

Honey Pecan Shrimp Preparation:

- 1 Arrange the shrimp on a lightly oiled baking sheet. Drizzle the shrimp with the liquid honey.
- 2 Mix together the salt, black pepper, granulated garlic and a pinch of cayenne pepper. Sprinkle the mixture over the shrimp.
- 3 Sprinkle the shrimp with finely chopped pecans.

- 4 Bake in a 200 C (400 F) oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until shrimp are cooked through. Serve warm.

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Ingredients:

- 500 g (1 lb) raw, peeled and deveined shrimp
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) honey
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) black pepper
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) granulated garlic
- pinch cayenne pepper
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped pecans

Box of Chocolates Cocktail

Preparation:

- 1 Pour grenadine into shallow plate. Sprinkle coconut on second plate. Dip martini glass rim in grenadine, then coconut. Pour caramel into bottom of glass.

- 2 In cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine milk, amaretto and liqueur. Shake well; strain into prepared glass.

Ingredients:

- Grenadine
- Finely shredded coconut
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) caramel ice cream topping
- 60 ml (2 oz) milk
- 30 ml (1 oz) amaretto liqueur
- 60 ml (2 oz) Godiva chocolate liqueur

Host an Oscar party

► Chef Wolfgang Puck shares tips on how to host a glam dinner party while you watch the festivities



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Drink

"Great champagne makes a celebration. If you are having a viewing party at home, prepare a few freshly squeezed juices,

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Eat

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► Wolfgang Puck

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The celebrity dish

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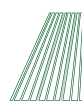
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'Hard work' pays off for Falkenham

Ryan Falkenham is making it awfully difficult for his coaches to even think about making him a healthy scratch again.

The 16-year-old rookie winger from Halifax has not only appeared in eight straight games for his hometown Mooseheads, he's their most productive player over the past four games after a four-goal, two-assist outburst.

A healthy scratch 12 times this season, Falken-

Scout's honour

The Mooseheads host the second-place Shawinigan Cataractes (39-12-7) on Saturday at 2 p.m.

The early start is to accommodate younger fans as part of Boy Scout Day.

ham has all but put himself in the Mooseheads playoff lineup.

"He's always been work-

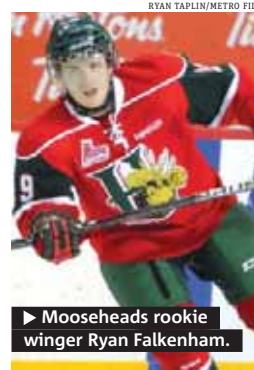
ing hard and now he's getting rewarded for that hard work," said Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme. "He's working hard but also he's smart and well aware of the game and his decision-making is very good."

The Mooseheads drafted Falkenham in the fifth round (73rd overall) in last June's draft after watching him captain Team Nova Scotia at the Canada Winter Games. In addition to his

scoring prowess, he continues to impress with his mature two-way game.

Ducharme said he's been at his best since representing Team Atlantic at the world under-17 challenge in Windsor, Ont., in December and January.

"He's getting more ice time right now and he's really showing a lot of improvement," Ducharme said. "He's gotten better and better as the year's gone on." ● MATTHEW WUEST



► Mooseheads rookie winger Ryan Falkenham.

Sign of things to come?

► Rainmen move step closer to clinching playoff home court ► Host Saint John Friday, visit Kebs on Sunday



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► Rainmen centre Richard Anderson celebrates a second-half basket against the Quebec Kebs at the Metro Centre on Thursday night.

The Halifax Rainmen gave their fans a taste of what's to come in the playoffs on Thursday night at the Metro Centre.

With their probable first-round post-season opponent visiting, the Rainmen toughed out a 104-100 win over the Quebec Kebs before a crowd of 2,894 in a National Basketball League of Canada game that was up for grabs until the final buzzer.

"We know that's a very good team and it's not going to be easy," said Rainmen point guard Chris Hagen. "But we wanted to make a statement and let them know that when the playoffs come, it's going to be a fight — every night."

Top scorers

- Tyrone Levett, 22 points.
- Joey Haywood, 20 points.
- Chris Hagen, 14 points
- Bryan McCullough, 10 points

The Rainmen had a nine-point halftime edge and went up 87-71 in the opening two minutes of the fourth quarter. Quebec then went on a 15-point run to make it a one-point game, and briefly grabbed the lead, 90-89, with about six minutes remaining.

But the Rainmen made sure that was the Kebs' only lead of the second half, regaining the advantage moments later and hanging on for the win. Tyrone Levett's huge three-point play with 81 seconds left put Halifax up by four and

all but sealed it.

"Teams are going to make runs — it's a good league with talented players," Hagen said. "But when teams make runs, we want to do what we did tonight: Stay focused, stay aggressive and even though it's not perfect, find a way to win."

The Rainmen can guarantee a Quebec-Halifax first round with a win over the Saint John Mill Rats on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Metro Centre. The second-place Kebs (21-12) are just a game up on the third-place Rainmen (19-12) in the battle for home court.

The two teams meet for the final time in the regular season on Sunday in Quebec.

"It'll be a great (playoff) series," Hagen said. "They play us well pretty much every time."

Grant to return to UFC octagon

Cole Harbour's T.J. Grant is headed back to the UFC cage on May 15, according to multiple reports.

The 27-year-old mixed-martial artist will face Carlo Prater at UFC on Fuel TV 3 at Patriot Centre in Fairfax, Va.

Grant, who has a 4-3 record at the UFC level, has been idle since Oct. 1 after suffering an elbow injury that sidelined him for a

scheduled Dec. 30 bout against Jacob Volkmann at UFC 141.

Prater, a 10-year veteran, has more than 30 victories on his 40-fight resumé and won his UFC debut in January after his opponent, Erick Silva, was disqualified.

Grant's last bout, a win over Shane Roller as part of UFC Live 6, was his first fight as a lightweight.

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► T.J. Grant

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Manitoba takes pole position

Manitoba's Jennifer Jones sewed up first place in the preliminary round of the Canadian women's curling championship Thursday with a 7-4 win over Quebec. Jones improved to 8-3 with a

draw remaining in the round robin.

Jones will play in Friday's Page playoff between the top two seeds. The winner punches a ticket to Sunday's final. B.C. (7-3), defending champion Amber Holland (6-4) and Alberta (6-4) were still jostling for playoff spots in the late draw.

Nova Scotia's Heather Smith-Dacey was 4-6 going into Thursday's late draw. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Huskies march out Marchese

► Former Saint Mary's QB introduced as new head coach ► Marchese says recruiting is first big challenge he faces ► Plans to tap into connections in Ontario, Quebec to strengthen squad



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It's been a decade since the Saint Mary's Huskies won a Vanier Cup, but Perry Marchese is confident he can lead the football program back to national glory.

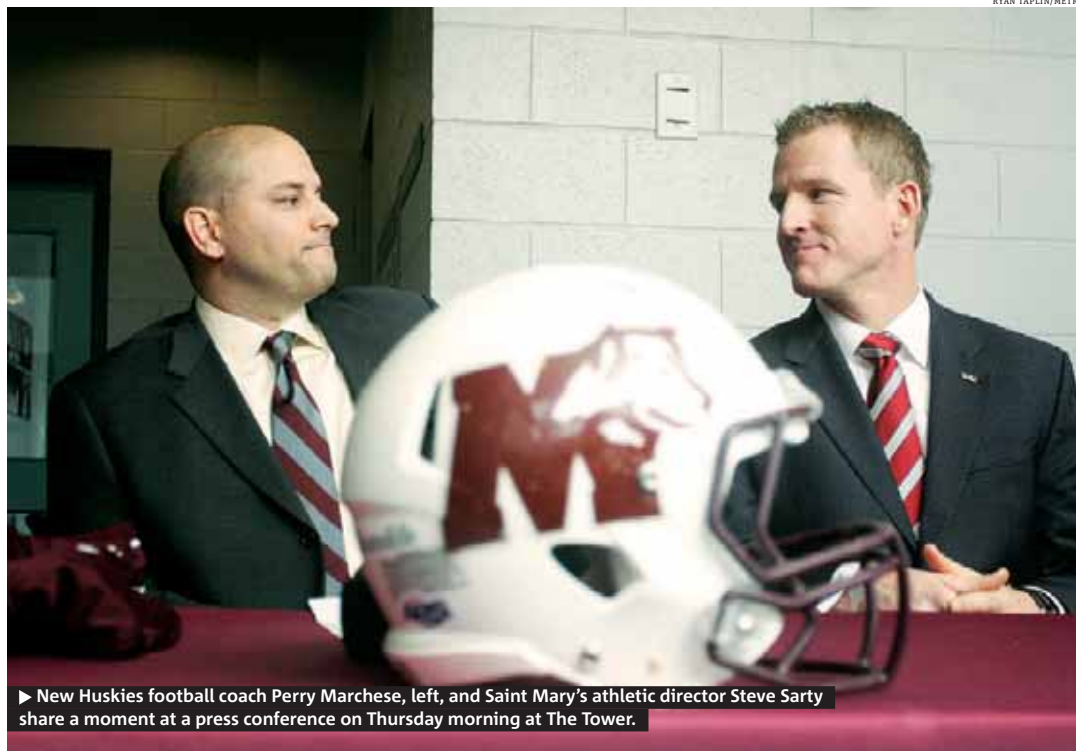
Marchese, a Saint Mary's quarterback from 1995 to 1998, was introduced on Thursday as the Huskies' new head coach at a press conference at The Tower.

The 42-year-old from Hamilton, Ont., succeeds Steve Sumarah, who won four Atlantic University Sport titles in six seasons but lost his job last December due to his lack of national success.

"The challenges aren't going to stop, but I honestly feel we're going to work our butt off," said Marchese, who earned a master's degree in business administration from Saint Mary's.

"We're going to work our butt off recruiting, our players are going to work and compete in everything they do — in the classroom, in the gym, on the field — and when we follow that process, and do everything right along the way, we'll win."

Marchese (pronounced mar-kay-zee) has been a champion before and has a gigantic Grey Cup ring on one of his fingers to prove it. He won a CFL title as an assistant coach to Michael



► New Huskies football coach Perry Marchese, left, and Saint Mary's athletic director Steve Sarty share a moment at a press conference on Thursday morning at The Tower.

(Pinball) Clemons with the Toronto Argonauts in 2004 and plans to use that experience to his advantage at Saint Mary's.

Despite his CFL experience and stints as an offensive co-ordinator at Bishop's and Guelph universities, Marchese has never been a head coach. But he said he's cut out for the job.

"It sounds kind of crazy but I like to say there's a

"Certainly today recruiting is the No. 1 challenge. Our priority is to get some kids here."

HUSKIES HEAD COACH
PERRY MARCHESE

football disease," Marchese said. "If you have a football disease, if you love it, you want to be involved in it. The football camaraderie,

the relationships you build, and helping foster the growth of young men, it really is a very fulfilling job."

Marchese's hiring came later than expected in a controversial process that resulted in the resignation of offensive-line coach Gordon Beattie and the potential departure of young quarterback Jesse Mills.

Athletic director Steve Sarty, a former Huskies receiver who played with

Marchese in 1995, was part of a seven-person hiring committee. He called Marchese a "great football coach" and lauded his communication skills and "football IQ."

"We needed to make sure we got it right, so it took a little longer than we originally anticipated, but at the end of the day, as long as you hire the right person, that's all that matters," Sarty said.

Blue Jackets send Carter to Kings

Jeff Carter is on his way to the West Coast.

The L.A. Kings acquired the centre from the Columbus Blue Jackets on Thursday night for defenceman Jack Johnson and a conditional first-round pick.

The deal is pending both players passing a physical Friday.

Carter, 27, missed 20 games this season due to a broken foot and a separated shoulder. He had three goals in the Blue Jackets' last game and has 15 goals and 10 assists in 39 games.

"I am obviously excited. I am familiar with the team and a lot of guys on the team," Carter said. "I looked at the Kings at the start of the year as being a club in a good position to win. I look forward to coming to L.A. and being a part of it all."

Columbus acquired Carter from the Philadelphia Flyers last summer for Jakub Voracek and first- and third-round picks in 2011.

He signed an 11-year, \$58-million US contract with Philadelphia in November 2010.

"Jeff is a proven goal scorer in our league. He brings goal-scoring abilities, speed and at his age he is entering the prime of his career," Kings president and general manager Dean Lombardi said in a statement. "We also like his versatility as he can play both centre and wing."

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Marchese reaches out to Mills

New Saint Mary's football head coach Perry Marchese is holding out hope he can keep young quarterback Jesse Mills on board.

Mills, who started close to half the season for the Huskies as a rookie in 2011, has been planning to move to Ontario to play for the junior Ottawa Sooners with an eye toward suiting up for Steve Sumarah's Carleton



► Jesse Mills

Ravens in 2013.

Marchese met Mills in Halifax earlier this week. "We had a great, great conversation," Marchese said. "I'm really, really hoping he stays here. He's

got a fantastic future here and he's a great young man."

Marchese said he hopes to hear final word from Mills by early next week.

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Braun safe from PED suspension

► NL MVP relieved after 50-game ban overturned ► MLB management 'vehemently disagrees' with decision

Sample slip-up?

Ryan Braun's urine sample was collected Saturday, Oct. 1, the day the Brewers opened the NL playoffs.

- The collector didn't send the sample to the laboratory until Monday, thinking it would be more secure at home than at a FedEx office during the weekend.
- MLB's drug agreement states: "Absent unusual circumstances, the specimens should be sent by FedEx to the laboratory on the same day they are collected."

Ryan Braun's 50-game suspension was overturned Thursday by arbitrator Shyam Das, the first time a baseball player has successfully challenged a drug-related penalty in a grievance.

The decision was announced Thursday by the Major League Baseball Players Association, a day before the 28-year-old outfielder was due to report to spring training with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Braun's urine tested positive in October for elevated testosterone. ESPN revealed the positive test in December.

Braun has insisted that he did not violate baseball's drug agreement.

"I am very pleased and relieved by today's decision," he said in a statement. "It is the first step in restoring my good name and reputation. We were able to get through this because I am innocent and the truth is on our side."

MLB executive vice-president Rob Manfred said management "vehemently



► Ryan Braun

disagrees" with Das' decision.

Travis Tygart, chief executive officer of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, called the decision "a real gut-kick to clean athletes."

During the hearing, Braun's side challenged the chain of custody from the time the urine sample was collected by Comprehensive Drug Testing Inc. to when it was sent, nearly 48

hours later, to a World Anti-Doping Agency-certified laboratory in Montreal, two people familiar with the case said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the hearing was sup-

posed to be confidential.

Das, baseball's independent arbitrator since 2000, informed the sides of his decision and has 30 days to provide a written opinion.

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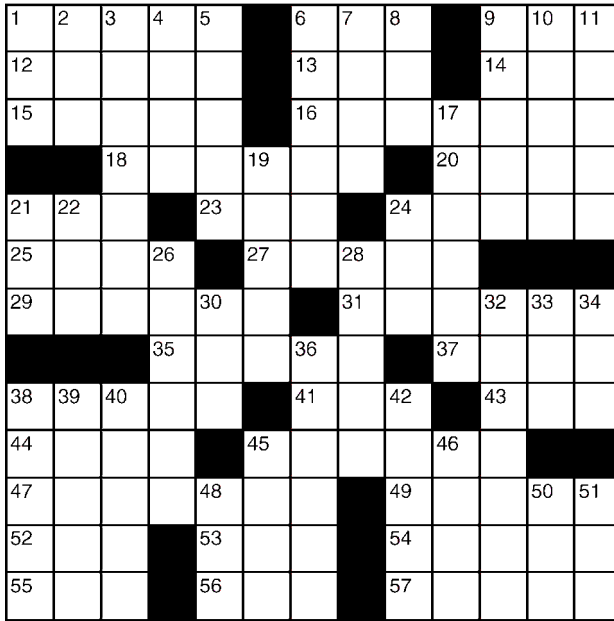
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25 It may be a proper subject
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31 Mistreated
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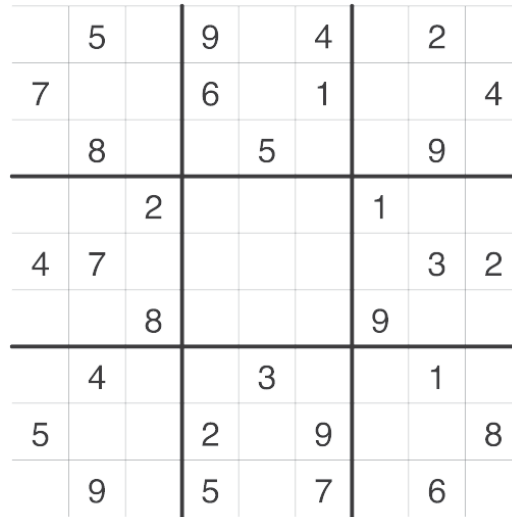
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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Life is too short to waste time arguing over trivial things, so ignore people who try to involve you in fights that don't matter.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Your mind is forever on the move and at least one of your ideas is touched by genius.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Someone needs your help but is afraid to ask. You know who he or she is. Make the first move.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

The answers you get today may not be the answers you want but they are the answers you need to hear.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You are in a hole and no amount of wishful thinking is going to get you out of it. It is time to get practical.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

If you are going to make the most of your talents, you need to stretch yourself — not just physically but mentally, too.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

The planets indicate you need help today but you may be reluctant to ask because you don't like to be in anyone's debt. You won't be.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec.

Think carefully before making major changes over the next 24 hours. You should be aiming for evolution, not revolution.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You need to be careful when dealing with both financial matters and affairs of the heart.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Some people are being unnaturally nice to you, making you wonder what they are up to. There is nothing they can do to hurt you.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

There's a danger you'll end up partying with the wrong sort of crowd, but so what? SALLY BROMPTON

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